

I am an ordinary citizen with no involvement in the communications industry except as a consumer. I strongly oppose the proposed June 2, 2003 vote of the FCC to ease restrictions on ownership of broadcast media. It is difficult to comment given that the proposed rule has not been circulated. For now, I would say that the relaxed rules for radio station ownership have resulted in inferior service from that medium. To allow individual corporations to own multiple television stations, as well as radio stations and newspapers in given markets (and across the country) will concentrate too much control over these media. This will not only hurt competition, it will hurt our political system. The FCC is merely the steward of the public's airwaves. The public view must be considered